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BEGIN SUMMARY: FOLLOWING SEPT 21 FRANCO-GERMAN
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ING TO NINE ON SEPT 19 VAN DER STOEL MEETING WITH THE
SECRETARY, RELIABLE FONOFF OFFICIAL OFFERED FOLLOWING
FRG VIEWS ON NATO ATLANTIC DECLARATION, EC/NATO
CHAPEAU, ROLE OF JAPAN AND FORMAT FOR PRESIDENT'S

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MEETING AT NATO. END SUMMARY

1. NATO DECLARATION. FONOFF SOURCE SAID THE GERMANS

AND FRENCH HAD GAINED THE IMPRESSION FROM THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS TO DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL (REFTEL-PARA 5) THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO EXPECT CONCRETE RESULTS FROM MEETINGS THIS WEEK BETWEEN U.S. AND EUROPEAN REPS IN NEW YORK. OUR SOURCE SAID THE GERMANS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD A VISIT THIS AUTUMN BY THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE DETERMINED ALSO BY PROGRESS AT NATO IN DEVELOPING AN ATLANTIC DECLARATION OF THE 15. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD THEREFORE PROVIDED ITS NATO DEL WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT WOULD FACILITATE AN ACTIVE GERMAN ROLE IN THE SEPT 26 NAC DISCUSSION OF AN ATLANTIC DECLARATION (BONN 13734. ON THE OTHER HAND, FRENCH POLITICAL DIRECTOR PUAUX HAD TOLD FRG POL DIRECTOR VAN WELL SEPT 21 IN PARIS THAT THE FRENCH NATO PERM REP WAS BEING INSTRUCTED TO SEEK A DEFERRAL OF THE SEPT 26 NATO DISCUSSION OF U.S./EUROPEAN RELATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE RESULTS WERE KNOWN OF THIS WEEK'S MEETING IN NEW YORK. WHILE THE FRG WOULD BE PREPARED TO WAIT ANOTHER WEEK IF THAT SHOULD BE THE WISH OF THE U.S. AND OTHER NATO PARTNERS, OUR SOURCE SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE AND INSTRUCTED NAC DISCUSSION SEPT 26 IN VIEW OF THE LIKELY INCONCLUSIVE MEETING IN NEW YORK AND THE U.S. WISH TO DEVELOP A SUBSTANTIVE NATO DECLARATION.

2. EC/NATO CHAPEAU. FONOFF SOURCE SAID HE ALSO HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. FAVORED THE IDEA OF A CHAPEAU TO LINK THE SEPARATE U.S./EC AND NATO ATLANTIC DECLARATIONS. DRAWING ON STATE 189365-PARA 2, EMBOFF SAID THE EARLIER GERMAN CONCEPT OF A CHAPEAU WAS IN FACT OF INTEREST TO U.S. OFFICIALS. FONOFF OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT BONN WAS NO LONGER

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ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE IDEA, WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. HE SAID PUAUX HAD APPARENTLY TAKEN A STRONG POSITION AGAINST THE IDEA OF A CHAPEAU DURING HIS DISCUSSION LAST FRIDAY WITH VAN WELL, ARGUING THAT A CHAPEAU WOULD "REOPEN ALL THE OLD QUESTIONS - PARTICULARLY THE MATTER OF GLOBALIZATION." FONOFF REP SAID THE NINE HAD INVENTED THE TWO DECLARATION APPROACH TO CIRCUMVENT FRENCH CONCERNS OF GLOBALIZATION AND THE CHAPEAU IDEA MIGHT JEOPARDIZE FRENCH ADHESION TO WHAT SO FAR HAD BEEN ACCCOMPLISHED.

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3. ROLE OF JAPAN. FONOFF REP SAID THE FRG FULLY AGREED WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S POSITION WITH VAN DER STOEL THAT DISCUSSION OF A THIRD DECLARATION INVOLVING JAPAN SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL A DECISION HAD BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE EC AND NATO DECLARATIONS. FONOFF REP SAID THE CONTENT OF A DECLARATION INVOLVING JAPAN HAD NOT YET BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED IN BONN, BUT HE ASSUMED THE CONTENT WOULD RESEMBLE THE EC DECLARATION FAR CLOSER THAN A DECLARATION ON ATLANTIC SECURITY. FONOFF REP EMPHASIZED THAT NATO WAS NOT RPT NOT THE PROPER FORUM FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE JAPANESE CONNECTION.

4. LEVEL/FORMAT. FONOFF REP SAID THE FRG WOULD OF COURSE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH A MEETING AT NATO AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL, BUT PUAUX HAD MADE CLEAR TO VAN WELL THAT FRANCE WOULD RESIST SUCH A FORMAT, AMONG OTHER REASONS BECAUSE PARIS ATTACHES MORE IMPORTANCE TO THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH THE EC NINE THAN TO PRESIDENT'S MEETING AT NATO. FONOFF REP DID COMMENT, HOWEVER, THAT THE GERMANS HAD BEEN INTRIGUED BY THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS TO VAN DER STOEL THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S

MEETING AT NATO SHOULD BE AT THE "HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
LEVEL." WHILE THE FRENCH HAD NOT RAISED THIS TOPIC
WITH VAN WELL, FONOFF REP WONDERED WHETHER THE U.S.
WOULD CONSIDER FRENCH "HEAD OF GOVERNMENT" MESSMER A
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